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## **COMMERCIAL FIRE**

1555 Harbor Avenue (Marshall Steel, Inc.)

**MEMPHIS, TN** - The Memphis Fire Department responded to an alarm of fire at 1555 Harbor Avenue, Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 1:00 a.m. Upon arrival on the scene, firefighters reported smoke visible from the one story commercial warehouse. Rescue and Firefighting operations began immediately.

Twelve (12) pieces of Fire/Rescue/EMS equipment and approximately thirty-four (34) emergency response personnel ultimately responded to the call. Battalion Chief A. Sireci was the commanding officer of this incident. The fire was brought under control at 1:17 a.m. There were no firefighter or civilian injuries.

It has been determined that the warehouse **did have** a sprinkler system. The structure sustained smoke, fire and water damage. Total damage is estimated at \$5,000.00 structure and \$2,000.00 contents. The origin and cause of the fire was determined to be the result of a fuel leak that ignited underneath a heat exchanger machine/equipment.

The Memphis Fire Department urges all citizens to maintain a working smoke alarm in their place of residence. Check smoke alarms once a month and change the battery when you change your clocks. City of Memphis residents may apply for a **free smoke alarm** on-line at: <a href="https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/">https://www.memphistn.gov/government/fire-department/free-smoke-alarm-application/</a> or contact the Fire Museum of Memphis at (901) 636-5650. Always have a plan of escape in case there is a fire. Also remember that 9-1-1 is for emergencies only. For all other FIRE/EMS NON-EMERGENCY issues please dial 901-458-8281.